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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Massillon USACE Flood Control Levee Sluice Gate Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Huntington District - whose offices are located at 502 8th St, Huntington, WV 25701. The location of this project is along the Tuscarawas River in Stark County, OH, in zip code 44646. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Massillon would use this funding to replace the 12 flood control sluice gates under their purview, which have exceeded their useful life and must be replaced to continue providing safe acceptable service. The Corps and the City have identified breaks and cracks in multiple individual sluice gates, impairing their ability to serve their original purpose. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would prevent flooding within the City of Massillon, OH, and would ensure that rain and climate events do not prove catastrophic to local businesses and homeowners.

The City of Massillon has a decades-long agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Huntington District to manage the operations and maintenance of the levees, while USACE manages the levee itself. USACE has attested to this agreement in writing. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 4 of the Flood Control Act of 1938 (P.L. 75-761).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Emilia Strong Sykes
Member of Congress